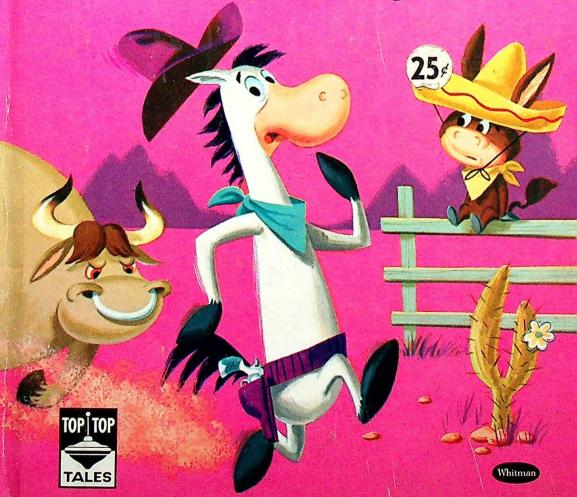
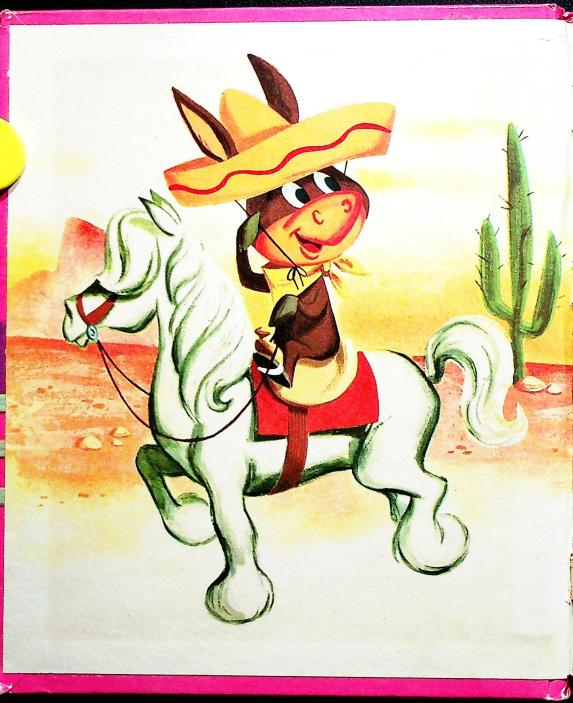
Authorized Edition Authorized Edition Authorized Edition Authorized Edition Authorized Edition

BADMEN BEWARE



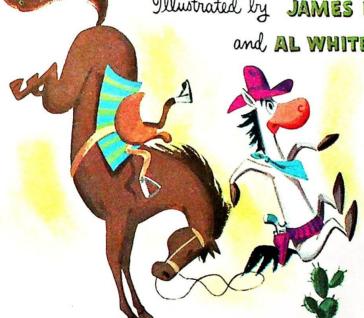


Onicy District of the Contract of the Contract

BADMEN BEWARE

By DOROTHY HAAS



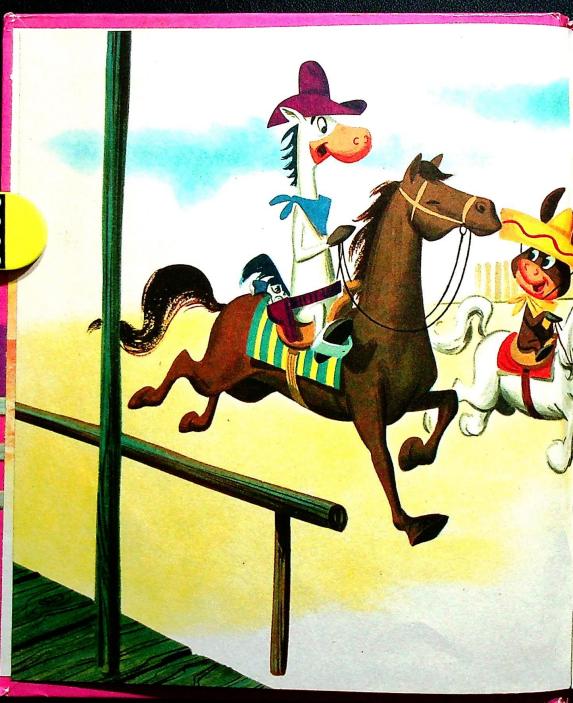


Authorized Edition

© 1960 by Hanna-Barbera Productions All rights reserved

WHITMAN PUBLISHING CO., RACINE, WIS.

PRINTED IN U.S.A.

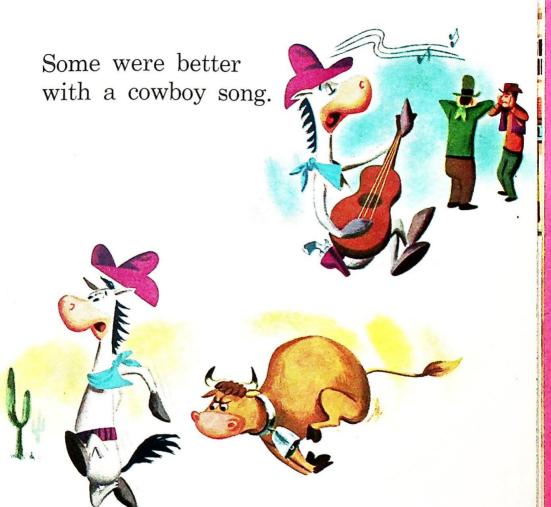




'Way out West there's a tale they tell 'Bout a cowboy called McGraw.
Of all the men in all the West
He was quickest on the draw.

There were some who rode much better than he Sitting tall and straight in the saddle.



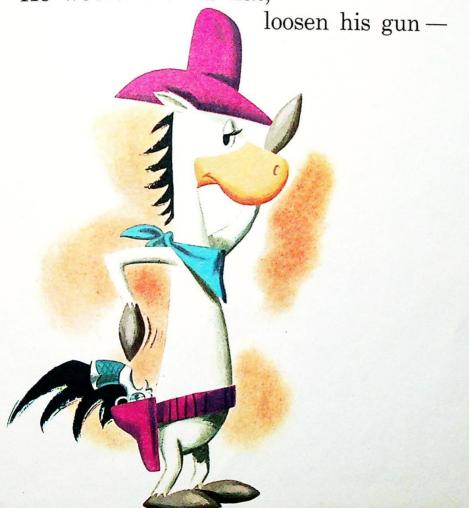


And some were better with the cattle.



He wasn't so good at tossing a rope — Never knew where it would land!

But when it came to drawing that gun Ah, then he showed his hand! He would tilt his hat,





And when the smoke had cleared away,

Everyone watching had to agree: McGraw had had his say!



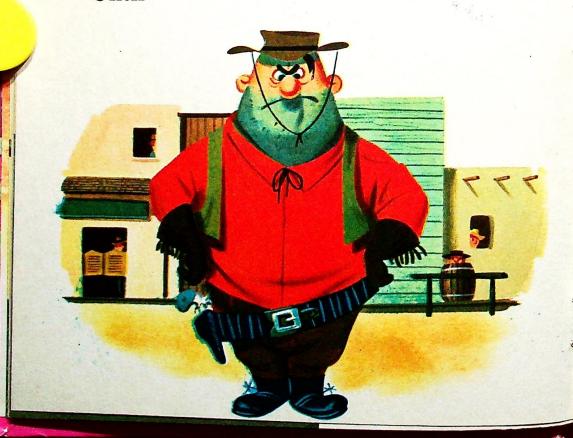
At noon one day, so the story goes, When the town was sleepy and still, An outlaw galloped down the street— He was known as Shoot-'Em-Up Bill.





"Ah'm the fastest gun in the West,"
he said,
"Ah'm an hombre, rough and tough.
Ah've come to take over
this li'l ole town
And ah'll do it, shore enough!"

The townsfolk shivered,
and quivered and shook.
They were all just down-right scared.
Somebody had to stop that Bill,
But nobody there quite dared,
Until—





McGraw stepped up

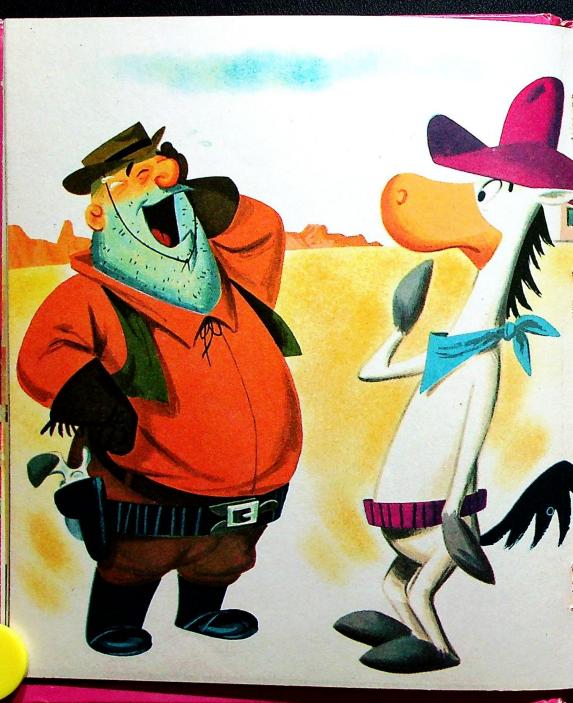
and spoke for the folks.

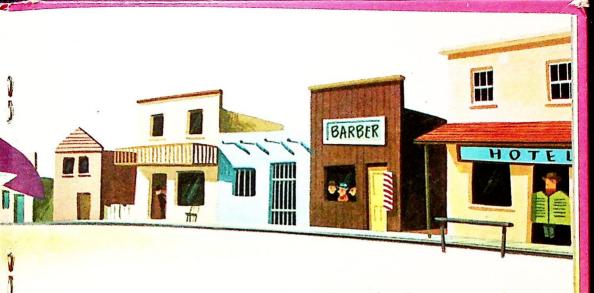
On his face was a thoughtful frown.

"Wal now, Bill, you can stay

if you like—

But you cannot have our town!"





Shoot-'Em-Up laughed, laughed loud and long, "McGraw, ah've got me a plan:
Suppose we have us a shootin' match—
The town to the winnin' man.

"If ah win, the town'll be mine,
Every house 'n' fence 'n' gate.

If you win — which you won't —
the town'll be yores
And ah'll do mah best to go straight!"

So they rigged up a target, and drew a line; Each was supposed to toe it...



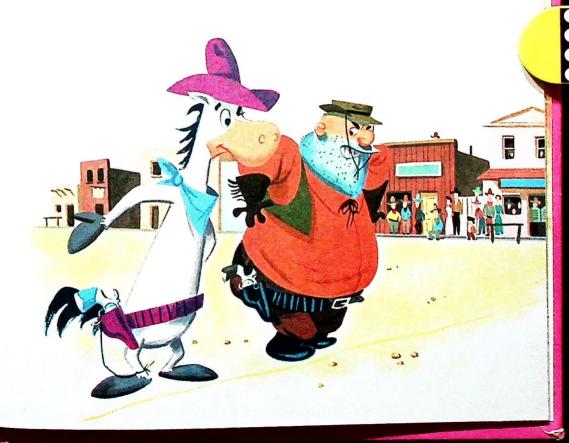
But Bill, the varmint, had a
trick up his sleeve
And McGraw was too straight
to know it!





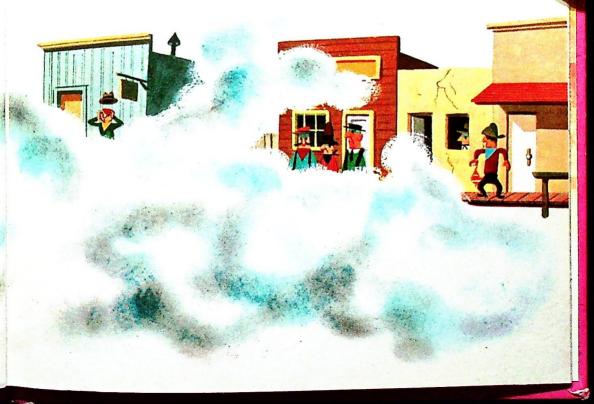
A piece of string, a knot and a bow,
And just to be sure — a pin!
Bill fixed things up so McGraw
couldn't draw...
Couldn't draw, couldn't aim —
couldn't win!

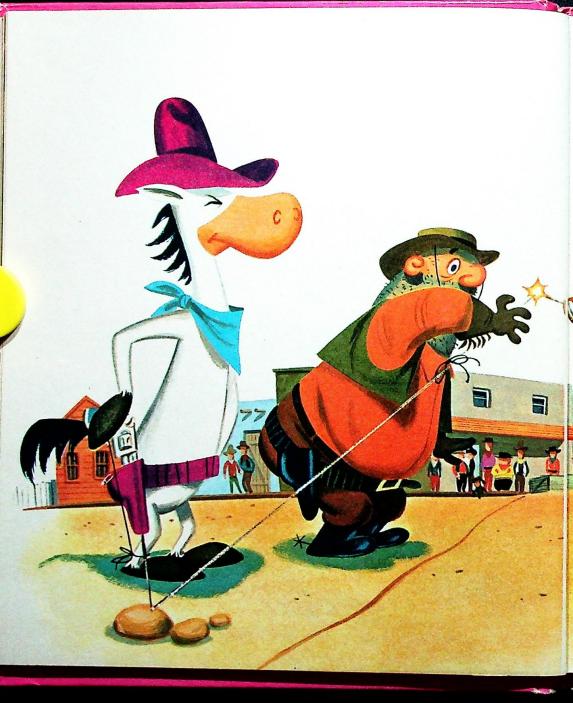
Bill and Quick Draw toed the line,
They got all set to draw.
The townsfolk watched
and held their breath:
Would the winner be Bill or McGraw!

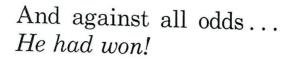




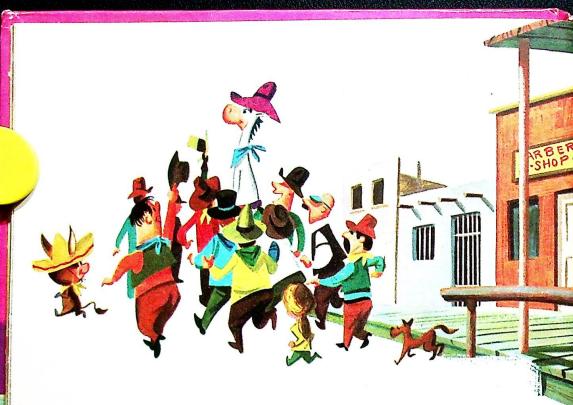
The signal was given and in a flash McGraw reached down for his gun, Reached, and drew, and fired it BOOM! And the shooting match was done...



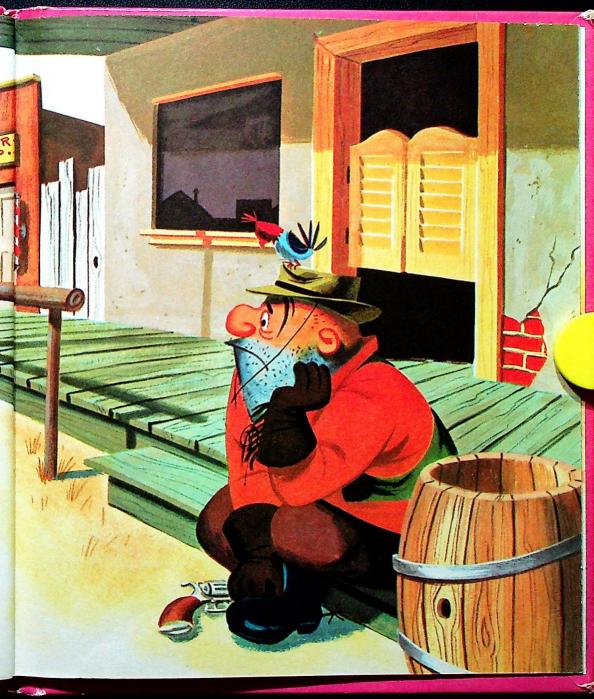








Well!
The townsfolk cheered,
and they lifted McGraw
And they carried him up the street,
Shouting, "Quick Draw McGraw
is the fastest gun,
There's nobody he can't beat!"

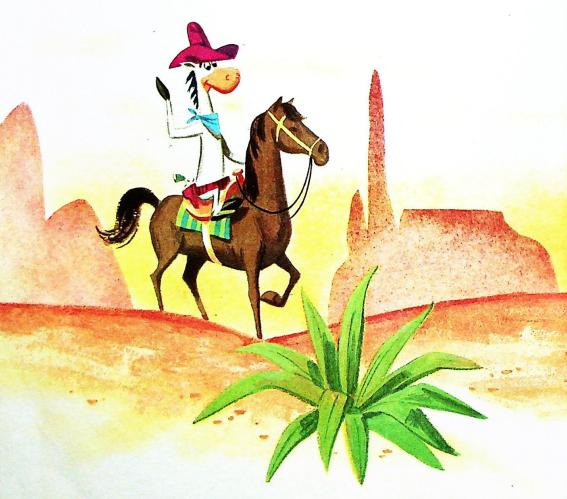


And Bill? Well, he just had
to go straight;
He had promised McGraw he would.
So he took to raising pretty flowers
And selling them where he could.





And that's how the badmen of long ago All learned how to live with the law. It was all because of straight-shooting cowboys...



Cowboys like Quick Draw McGraw!



